

# MASS MEETING AT PYTHIAN HALL

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Has Secured Miss Freeman, to Speak on the "Waco Horror." Campaign to Raise a \$10,000 Anti-Lynching Fund.



A large crowd is expected at Pythian Hall next Monday night, July 24, to hear Miss Elizabeth Freeman, special representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

## SHAKESPEARIAN TER-CENTENNIAL AND PAGEANT

Eight Big Nights at Coliseum Beginning Aug. 28, End in Sept. 4. A special offering of Metropolitan Institution A. M. E. Zion Church and St. Louis District.

## Bishop Jamison Lane Tabernacle Church Sunday

Bishop M. F. Jamison, of Leigh, Tex., Presiding Bishop of this the Fifth Episcopal District of the O. M. E. Church, will worship at Lane Tabernacle Sunday. He will preach at 11 a. m., also lecture at the evening service.

# NEGRO TROOPERS ARE BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS

Six Undisciplined Troopers of 10th Cavalry Who Fell at Carrizal, Given Full Military Honors—Hon. I. C. Dyer Leads Procession and Pays Tribute to Dead.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14 Special to Argus: Six undisciplined bodies of the soldiers of the tenth cavalry, who were killed in the battle at Carrizal, Mexico, were buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in this city today.

# ROYAL PALM AIRDOME OPEN JULY 24

Under the Management of Chas. Allison Moving Picture Film Co. Will Show "Original Negro Movies."

Royal Palm Airdome will be opened to exhibitor in a most presentable locality of this city that the public has ever witnessed in the history of the movie era, where each individual can sit and enjoy the most pleasurable breeze, as they view the real original Negro movies.

# BERT WILLIAMS IN THE MOVIES

FAMOUS COMEDIAN WILL BE SEEN IN "A NATURAL BORN GAMBLER" AT BOOKER WASHINGTON THEATRE ALL NEXT WEEK

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Madam Fairfax In Return Engagement. "Secret of Submarine," "Social Pirates" and Charlie Chaplin On Big Week's Bill.



looked for a return engagement. Harrison Blackburn, a new comer with an up-to-date monologue is highly recommended. Jones and Jones, Archie and wife, who are a guaranteed knockout, will complete a week's attraction that Mr. Turpin has christened, "A Million Dollar Show for a Dime."

To be hearders. She will tell you of the horror that the mob spirit is to this country.

## At Poro College

Mr. Peering of the Standard Life Insurance Co., which located here a few weeks ago on Market Street, visited "Poro" College last Monday morning.

## Dr. N. O. Bracy Oper's Office

To the list of Colored dental practitioners in St. Louis, we are glad to add the name of Dr. N. O. Bracy.

## All Aboard For Montasano

Owing to the good time that everyone had on a previous occasion, the "Academy Boys and Girls" have been requested by the public to give another all day steamboat excursion to Montasano Springs, on the beautiful steamer Grey Eagle, Monday morning, July 24, 1916.

## NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND OUR FRIENDS

The First Regiment Band, U. R. K. of P. M., will be absent from the city for one week. Called away to serve the Grand Lodge of Illinois at Cairo, from July 23rd to 28th, leaving Sunday, July 23rd at 8:45 a. m. over the B. & O. R. R. Major McElroy will fill all appointments during our absence.

## GARDEN OF MIRTH

The garden of mirth was still drawing its portion of patronage during the past week. The bowling alleys seemed to be the main features. Preparations are being made to put on drama, that will add a deal to the present attractions.

## THE OUTING

Preparations have been completed for the big "Poro" outing which will take place on Park, Thursday, July 27, on Grounds The proprietors as is their custom, joined by the Local "Poro" Club and employees, have planned to make it pleasant for all who may attend.

## Special Rally Christian Church 2727 Lawton Av.

There will be a special rally for the benefit of the building fund on Friday evening, July 28. Some of the best musicians in the city will be present to bring a message for all who will attend.

## STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

All of the men who went on a strike at the Scullin Gallagher steel plant, two weeks ago, have returned to their old positions, except a few of the leaders who the company refused to allow to return, charging them with ungratefulness.

## FORMER ST. LOUISIAN SLAYS NEGRO WOMAN HE LOVED

Paducah, Ky., July 15.—After searching all day for a Negro murderer, police and detectives were authorized late this evening when Will R. Johnson, alias Stovall, alias Thompson, a white man, surrendered at police headquarters as the slayer of Dr. C. H. Slaght, a Negro woman, 20 years old, whose head was almost cut off by Johnson about 8 o'clock this morning.

## YOUTH KILLS BYSTANDER

Walter Carroll, 16 years old of 3140 Pine St., shot and killed William Wallace Jr., 3110 Pine, Monday at 7:10 p. m. on Cuyler Ave., between Pine and Lawton. Carroll was shooting at another boy named Charles Powell and accidentally hit Wallace. He was arrested and the Coroner's jury returned a verdict of homicide at the inquest.

## OPEN MEETING

An open meeting will be held by the Ellardville Civil League, at St. James Church, Pendleton and St. Ferdinand Aves., Sunday afternoon, July 23, at 4 o'clock. All are invited.

## ST. PAUL PICNIC

St. Paul A. M. E. Sunday-school will give its annual picnic July 31st at O'Fallon Park, grounds No. 1 and 3.

## GRAND MASTER CREWS VISITS CITY

According to information given out by District Deputy Grand Master, H. Henderson, the Hon. Nelson C. Crews, Grand Master of Missouri and jurisdiction A. F. and A. M., will be in the city on Saturday, August 19th. He will come with some work and meet the fellows of the craft at Masonic Hall, 3619 Easton Ave.

## "THE UGliest OF SEVEN"

A beautiful cantata entitled "The Ugliest of Seven" will be given Monday, July 24th at Pleasant Green Baptist Church, for the benefit of the \$2,000 rally, which is now making \$16,000. Class No. 3 is putting forth every effort to make the evening one of pleasure for all under the management of Miss Josephine Brown.

## REV. POSTER VISITS ALTON

Rev. Foster, the pastor of St. Douglas United Primitive Baptist Church, 2804 Laeale Ave., accompanied by Rev. Gray, also members and friends of his congregation, spent July 18th in Alton assisting Rev. Higgins, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, in his rally. While there Rev. Foster preached two interesting sermons.

## MRS. BEDFORD VISITS CHICAGO

Mrs. S. Bedford, of 4241 Finney Ave., accompanied by Miss Helen Mott, who departed last Saturday for Chicago, Ill., on a business trip combined with pleasure. While there they will be the guests of Mrs. Emma Arnold, of 2611 State street. On her return she will bring with her, Sam Frank Bedford Jr. During her absence from the city Mrs. Ruth Hanson will be in charge of her household.

## UNION MEMORIAL PICNIC

The Union Memorial Sunday-school will have its annual picnic and outing, Saturday, July 29, at 9 o'clock. Park ground. All kinds of games and athletic events. Special meals by the Odd-Fellows Juvenile band. Come and spend the day. Nine a. m. to 7 p. m.

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EDWARDSVILLE NOTES
Quite a successful entertainment was given at the L. E. Church Monday night... Mrs. J. E. Williams... Mrs. J. E. Williams presented the Argus reporter with some very choice...

CAPE GIRARDEAU NOTES

Rev. E. Z. Hunt, of Caruthersville, lectured at the Second Baptist Church, Thursday night to a large crowd. He treated to the subject of the 'Fidelis Temples of America...'

WEBSTER GROVE NOTES

Rev. A. W. Ewing, who has been at Hot Springs, Ark., for the past several months for his health, returned home Monday... Mrs. M. Anderson...

FARMINGTON NOTES

Miss Daves F. Baker, who has been taking a special course at a beauty parlor in St. Louis for a few weeks, was home Friday on a business trip...

POPULAR BLUFF NOTES

Prof. and Mrs. C. H. Hicks, of Allie Street, had as their guest Saturday Prof. Wm. Brooks, of Caruthersville...

JEFFERSON CITY NOTES

Mr. John Howard is visiting relative Mrs. H. E. Johnson for the week ending July 13th. He leaves a wife and a host of friends...

A Word About Nathan Frank

'Men are measured by their deeds, not by their words.' This attitude towards anything is determined very largely from what he has done with reference thereto in times prior to the period when it is to be judged...

Mr. Frank is a man of the most vital questions which the Negro voter in this country must consider is whether or not the man seeking the benefit of his suffrage is to be trusted with the (Negro's) interests and liberty. Will he be fair? Will he favor discrimination and injustice towards the black man because of his color?

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Mr. Frank has lived in St. Louis from his youth up, having received his education in the schools of this city. He grew to manhood and began the practice of law in St. Louis where he now enjoys one of the most lucrative positions in the city and ranks as one of its best lawyers.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Dr. Rudolph Vitt For Coroner

The position of coroner is one which should be filled with the greatest care because of its peculiar functions. It should be filled by a broad-minded, upright, fearless, Christian man; one who, in discharging his official duties will enforce the law regardless of whether it be a Jew or gentile.

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It fitness, springing out of experience and moral and intellectual training and service to the nation and party is a necessary qualification for U. S. Senator, Frank can have no superior in Missouri. He is an original, high caliber man and should Hughes become president while the battle will be still on the side of the party.

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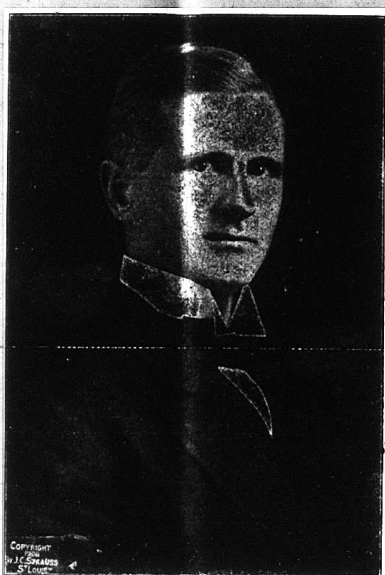
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Will be Held at Prythian Hall, Wednesday Evening, July 26th; Biggest Event of the Political Campaign.

The Monster Republican Mass Meeting will be held at Prythian Hall, Wednesday, July 26, at 8 p.m., 2137 Pine St., under the auspices of the Missouri Negro Republican League Club and Precinct Organization.

The meeting will be addressed by Hon. John E. Swager, Mayor H. W. Kiel, Rev. B. G. Shaw, Hon. John Small, Dr. Chas. Henry Phillips, J. Hon. L. C. Dyer, Rev. P. W. Dunaway, Hon. Chas. Danes, W. H. Hill, Ass'n. of the Colored People; Grand Master W. Herbert Fields will introduce the permanent chairman. All candidates are invited.

Dr. Chas. Henry Phillips, Pres., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary, I. H. Bradbury, Chairman Precinct Organization, Jeff Covington, Sec'y Precinct Organization, W. H. Robinson, Chairman of the Organization Committee, Ladies are cordially invited to attend.

### BIG 23RD WARD MEETING

The Republican mass meeting Thursday night under the auspices of the regular precinct organization of the 23rd ward, at the Grand Symposium, 4013-15 Finney Ave, was attended by the largest gathering that has formed a political caucus in the ward. Short talks were made by the various candidates and many well known white and colored speakers.

### OPEN AIR REPUBLICAN MEETING

The regular Republican Club of the 13th precinct, 23rd Ward, will have an open air political meeting at 4339 Gratiot St., Saturday night, July 29. All candidates and voters are welcome.

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### FAIR PLAY FOR BLACK BROS.

In the case of the Black Bros., who were sentenced to be hanged at St. Charles, and who have been respited for 30 days, it would be well for the Governor to consider that nowhere can there be found in the case against the defendants the elements of premeditation. The whole affair sprang from provocation on the spur of the moment. Anyway the defense was very indifferently managed on account of the poverty of the accused.

The trial seemed to be a mere observance of form in order to escape the violation of the clause of our National Constitution, which guarantees that no person shall be deprived of life without due process of law. The due process of law would have given the accused an impartial jury or a jury of peers, and it would be well for the Governor to remember the case of Roger Casement, who when condemned, said, "There was no Irishman on the jury." In the Black brothers' case there were no Negroes on the jury, and therefore, the fundamental idea to provide men in all stations of life with jurors of their own peers was not observed.

A properly constructed jury made up as dearly as may be possible of men from the same order of life as the defendants lies at the basis of English common law.

These Black brothers had a right to claim that a Colored man should have been placed on the jury, but evidently their defense was conducted by incompetency or indifference. It is in the hands now of the Governor to extend leniency to these helpless and penniless Negroes, and commute their sentence to save them from capital punishment.

### THE PRIMARY ELECTION

The Republicans have a very large ticket in the field to select from at the coming primary. Each voter should be very careful in selecting the men to whom they will give their vote. There are some men who are seeking your suffrage that it would be a crime against the race for you to make the mistake and vote for.

Gather all the information in regard to the record and fitness of each person that you expect to vote for Aug. 1st.

### Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Rev. Peck will speak Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the meeting which will be held on the beautiful lawn of Antioch Baptist Church, corner of N. Market and Goode Ave.

Two series of out-of-door meetings are being held during July and August. One on Antioch Church lawn and one at the Association. Splendid inspirational meetings are being enjoyed highly by all who attend.

Swimming classes began with great enthusiasm Monday afternoon.

Misses Laura and Corneilia Tuckerman, the young daughters of Mr. Gustav Tuckerman have volunteered to assist with swimming classes for the younger girls on Wednesday afternoons.

Miss Laura Tuckerman was a June graduate from Salkin High School, W. Va. She gladly welcomes the services of these splendid young women, for we stand in need of volunteers.

Crocheting, embroidery and sewing are becoming quite popular at the Association. Miss Hington knows just how to keep the girls busy making the pretty things girls like so well.

Our Tennis Court is kept busy every day. Girls are finding lots of fun in the summer sports.

**REV. ALMOND AS PASTOR**

Since coming to this city a short time ago, Rev. F. W. Almond has found very hard work at St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church of this city. This young minister has, as it were, rolled up his sleeves and gone to work to clear the church of its present indebtedness, and build up a strong congregation in that section of the city. He is a nephew of Bishop Wood of Montgomery, Ala., and his friends here predict for him much success. While he is not strictly partial to Alabama, yet he should be pleased to see his friends "from home" to congratulate him. He desires to get acquainted.

**METROPOLITAN NOTES**

The Preparations Reception at Met-

ropolitan church, Tuesday night was well attended and a great success. The pastor Rev. Shaw, expressed himself as being highly pleased with the splendid outcome of the meeting.

An organization was formed and is to be known as the Citizens' Induction League. Prof. F. I. Williams was elected President; Dr. Rouse C. Haskell was elected Secretary; Prof. J. W. Myers, Treasurer.

The committee on constitution and by-laws was appointed to report at the next meeting which will be the second Wednesday night in August at Union Memorial church. This organization will rotate from church to church, until sufficient strength is gathered to carry out its purpose.

Last Sunday was great time in the Metropolitan church. Presiding Elder, S. D. Davis, preached two able sermons. Rev. Dr. W. Sampson Brooks delivered a powerful sermon at 3 p. m., to the delight of all who heard him. Sunday, July 29th, is also looked forward to as a great day. The Pastor will preach Sunday morning. The subject will be "Some lessons from the return of the Prodigal Son." Let not the hot weather keep you back. The electric fans that are ever striking in the church will help you cool and refresh. All are invited.

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Come and bring your friends. Messrs. Ernest, stage manager, assisted by Messrs. Wm. Robinson, J. W. Diggs, L. W. Turquist, A. J. Cranberry, Mesdames Alma Clark, Edith Welch, Fanny McNary, Daisy Pierce, Isabel McKinnon.

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**INTERNATIONAL  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 LESSON**

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**LESSON FOR JULY 23  
 PAUL AT CORINTH.**

**LESSON TEXT**—Acts 18:1-22.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace. (Acts 18:26.)  
 I. Paul's Companions. (vv. 1-3.) Paul's coming to this city after his experiences in Athens is significant when we read I Cor. 2:1, 2. He found a home as usual at first among his Jewish countrymen. Aquila and Praxilla were not only fellow Christians but fellow craftsmen (v. 3). Paul supported himself, as Jesus did for 80 years, as a carpenter. This gave opportunity to reach the people naturally as one of them. At the same time he set them the example of doing good (I Cor. 10:31; I Cor. 9:8-12; II Thess. 2:9). Paul did not think it a lack of faith to do manual labor or secular work for his own support because God had called him to preach. In the midst of his labors (v. 5) Silas and Timothy came to him from Philippi and Berea. The Philippians had sent him aid and brought news of the abundant harvest of faith and love in that church. Paul was weak and sick and dejected in spirit (I Cor. 2:3), probably bodily sickness. He was also in want (I Cor. 11:9). As he meditated on the work, it had so got hold on him that he could not keep still. It overpowered him with the thought that Jesus was the Messiah and that he must talk it out, but the Jews were not willing to receive his testimony. "They opposed themselves and blasphemed" (v. 6). The good news these helpers brought encouraged him in his conflict (v. 6).  
 II. Paul's Compulsion. (vv. 7-11.) The opposition of the Jews did not prove his testimony to be untrue or that it had been unwisely presented, but rather it revealed the latuity of the hearts of the men who were the religious leaders. To their faces Paul could exclaim, "I am clean," (v. 6). It is a great thing for any man to be able to say this, and it is the privilege of every believer (Acts 20:26). Then we can say with Paul: "I shrank not from declaring to you the whole counsel of God." (R. V.) If we do not declare unto men the way of life, then their blood is upon us (Ezekiel 34:4, 8, 9), but are we indeed clean of the blood of all in our own homes, in our churches, in our Sunday school classes, in our communities and in the lands beyond the sea? This compulsion disconnected Paul from the false religionists of his day. "From henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles." The advantage of the house of Jarius was (a) that the owner was a proselyte, not a born Jew, (b) The place was one of the synagogues so that his preaching would be a standing invitation to the Jews, and (c) Jarius was evidently a Roman citizen, and Paul would gain access through him to the more educated people of the city. Moreover he would have greater advantage of the Romans than of the Jews for protection of the Christian converts. We do not infer that he left his lodgings in the home of Aquila and Praxilla nor ceased his work of tent making.  
 Paul's testimony after Athens was based only on the cross (I Cor. 2:1, 2), but it was that which triumphed over the sinful souls into pure brides whom he conducted to Christ." (See I Cor. 6:9-11). This vision kept Paul in the city where he founded one of his strongest churches (vv. 11, 15).  
 III. Paul's Contest. (vv. 12-17.) Gallio, the brother of Seneca, listened the charges, but threw the accusations out of court (vv. 14, 15). Sir William Ramsay calls this decision the "charter of Christian freedom." Freedom of religious speech was granted over the entire Roman empire so far as Roman authorities were concerned, and the door was open for Paul to make his way throughout the civilized world. Thus we have further evidence that all of Corinth was no match for Christ. The Lord had people there who must be called by the spoken word, and Paul was the one to speak the word. The Lord only allows us to be hurt when both we and the word can be helped thereby. He never really allows us to be hurt. (Rom. 8:13; Isaiah 54:17). Christian workers in this land are confronting the same Corinthian evils in every great city; Intemperance, crime, graft, dishonesty, white slavery, oppression of the poor and other works of the flesh.  
 It is the business of every preacher and Christian to pray and teach and to see how he may save men from evil and to convert them to righteousness.  
 There are also Corinthian evils in the hearts and in order to overcome them we must put on the whole armor of God, and be filled with the Spirit of Christ.  
 Slavery: At Corinth Paul worked at his trade, converted his fellow workers, founded a strong church, wrote letters to the Thessalonians, had two helpers, Silas and Timothy, accepted aid from the Philippians, received a vision in the night from God, was defiled by the Roman governor, was nearly two years and used the city as a strategic center.

**Excuses for Not  
 Being Saved**

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**TEXT**—Lord I will follow thee, but— Luke 9:11.

This is what a good many people are saying in their hearts if not with their lips. They know the Gospel plan of salvation. They know they must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be saved, and they know that when they do believe on him with their hearts they will follow him in their life and conduct. The latter is something they do not wish to do because it means a turning away from things in which they now find profit or pleasure. They do not reckon on the fact that when they truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ they will receive a clean heart and have renewed within them a right spirit. When a man is thus regenerated he no longer wishes to do the things he used to do and finds it easy to follow Christ. In their struggle to put off the day of decision they frame various excuses, like the man of the text who, when our Lord said unto him: "Follow me," replied: "Lord I will follow thee, but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at my home." Ordinarily there could be no objection to a man's doing that, but on this occasion the command of Christ was peremptory, and the man's action would determine at once whether he preferred his family to Christ. There comes a time in every man's life when his duties are in question, and determines in the presence of his own soul and in the presence of God whether God comes first or not.  
 Hypocrites in the Church.  
 Some say there are no many hypocrites in the church, forgetting that there are many hypocrites in the business or profession by which they carry their livelihood, and yet they do not renounce that business or profession.  
 A good way to meet this objection is to ask whether they think hypocrites will go to heaven? As they will certainly answer, no, when it might be asked whether they themselves can go to heaven without Christ. As they must reply to this question, as well as to the other, in the negative, they will be brought to see that they must dwell with hypocrites throughout eternity unless they become saved.  
 The faculty brings to mind the case of a certain man who was always giving this reason for not accepting Christ. And yet his faithful wife heard him cry in the night more than once: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." It is a sad thing for a soul under conviction of sin, to cast away the hope of salvation for so flimsy a reason as the presence of hypocrites in the visible church.  
 Giving Up or Taking On, Which?—  
 1. Others hesitate to accept Christ because they think they will have so much to give up. But they are ignorant of the fact that the Christian life is from every view a gain rather than a loss. You give up sin, but you take holiness. You give up sorrow, but you take joy. You give up death, but you take life. You give up self, but you take God.  
 D. L. Moody used to tell of a soap manufacturer who was under conviction of sin, but hesitated to accept Christ. He pressed him for a reason, and at last he said it was his business that kept him back. "That soap," said he, "will do everything I claim for it, but the fact is it will destroy the clothes. Now if I accept Christ, I must give it up."  
 Here was a plain issue which many another man has had to face, but what folly it is to hesitate a moment which will do nothing to help you, when a man has given up his business for Christ and found afterward that Christ had a great deal better business to give him than he had ever dreamed of; for, as the Bible says, "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."  
 2. "I am afraid I won't hold out," is another very common excuse. But the mistake here lies in the fact that the man is thinking of his own strength instead of the strength of the Savior.  
 There is a Latin motto on the facade of a Y. M. C. A. building in New England that sets this truth before us very tersely and beautifully. The motto is "Hold and be held," which means, "I hold and am held." It suggests the picture of a strong man with a child in his arm ascending a dangerous cliff. The child is clinging to the man, but it is because the man is holding the child that the latter makes the ascent with safety. In like manner, the child is held or carried him to safety by Jesus Christ, but it is Jesus Christ that keeps and saves him the end.  
 Let us not be afraid to accept him as our Savior and follow him as our Lord.

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